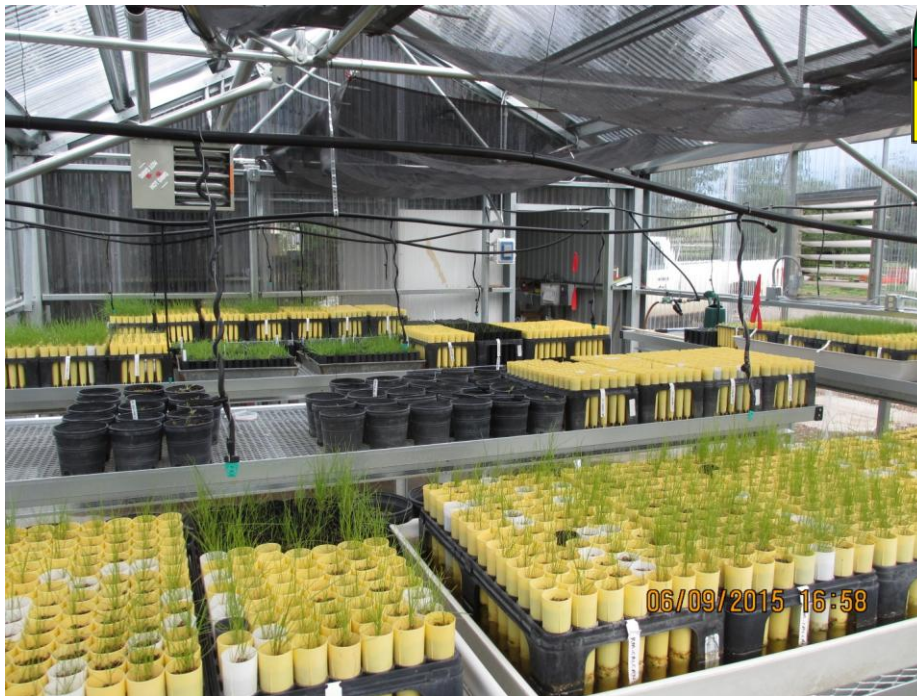


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The Stephens Creek Nursery greenhouse was completed this spring. Interior condensation is directed to the exterior gutters and then collected with roof runoff in rain barrels for use in the nursery. This was a Yellowstone Park Foundation funded project with assistance from the park's Electrical and Plumbing Shops. The nursery grows native plants for use in the park.

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After a solid week of warm, dry conditions with isolated t-storm activity, the park-wide fire danger level for Yellowstone N.P. is now **HIGH**. No fire restrictions are in place within the Park yet except for the standing general prohibitions.

Supply/Property/Mailroom:

SUPPLY is open normal hours (7:00 AM - 5:30 PM) on Thursday July 2nd but will be short staffed. Any questions, please call Jim Williams at 344-2081. Supply may not be able to provide assistance for large supply orders so please call Jim in advance of showing up if you have large supply orders to fill.

MAILROOM will have reduced hours (7:00 AM - 4 PM) on Thursday July 2nd. Any questions please call Scott Hancock at 344-2084. Last mail run to the Mammoth Post Office for outgoing mail will be at 3:45 PM. Please get

any last minute outgoing mail to mailroom so Scott will have ample time to get it metered and over to the Post Office. NO COPY SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON JULY 2nd.

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SUPPLY/PROPERTY/MAILROOM offices will be closed all day on Friday July 3rd.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

The Petrified Tree Road, from the oversized vehicle turn-around to the end of the road, and the foot trail to the petrified tree, **will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians on Tue 6/30 and Wed 7/1** to complete work on the trail. The Xanterra horse rides will still be able to operate on the stock trail, and hikers that start at Roosevelt Lodge will still be able to hike the Lost Lake loop.

Please be aware that the **Unleaded Gasoline fuel pumps at Canyon are not operational**. The Plumbing shop in Mammoth is aware and are working to resolve this issue. The Diesel pumps at Canyon and the pumps at Norris are still functioning normally. When we have operational pumps again we will let everyone know.

Please join the Old Faithful Staff in welcoming the latest additions to our team.

Ryan Edwards joins the team after spending several summers as a Seasonal LE Ranger at Glacier NP. This is Ryan's first permanent job. Ryan started a few weeks ago and is adjusting to the craziness of Old Faithful.

Matt Stadler joins the team after starting his summer as a Seasonal LE Ranger in the Lake District. This is Matt's first permanent job. Matt will move over to Old Faithful from Lake sometime in August.

Jesse Pike has been promoted to the Old Faithful Deputy District Ranger position. Jesse has been working as a permanent LE Ranger in the Old Faithful District at Madison Junction since 2010. Jesse has already started taking on some of the duties of the Deputy, but will not officially assume the role until July 26.

Please pass on your congrats or condolences(it is Old Faithful after all) when you see each of these people.

Thank you, Colleen M Rawlings-Old Faithful District Ranger

Many of you know former YNP employee Ellen Petrick. Over the weekend her husband, Dale Thomas, was bicycling when he was struck by a vehicle and killed.

Her contact information is included for those of you who may want to reach out to her in this difficult time. (If you would like to call her, please contact Yell_Public_Affairs@nps.gov and we can pass on her phone number.)

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The visitor center—formerly single officers' quarters for the United States Army—received a full interior renovation. Crews stripped down walls to original masonry, then stabilized, insulated and refinished them. Windows, doors and fireplaces preserve the historic character, while new exhibits help orient visitors to Yellowstone and provide information for a safe and enjoyable trip by visitors of all abilities. The new exhibits invite visitors to learn about Yellowstone's rich cultural heritage, the struggles that took place here, the establishment of the world's first national park in 1872, and the immense challenges that followed. Exhibits take visitors through the arrival of the United States Army and the 1916 establishment of the National Park Service. The new exhibits also illustrate the relationships of Yellowstone wildlife to each other and their home in this mountain landscape. Visitors have an opportunity to learn about the Mammoth area's active hot springs and how and why they differ from other thermal features in the park.

Visitors will also find a dynamic orientation area with interactive displays for enhanced trip planning information; park rangers offering educational talks and tours; and a backcountry permit office where camping, boating and fishing permits are obtained. In addition, the Yellowstone Association, the park's nonprofit cooperating association, funded an expanded bookstore operated in partnership with the National Park Service.

The visitor center was named in honor of Horace M. Albright, who helped to found the National Park Service in 1916, almost 100 years ago. Albright was the first National Park Service Superintendent of Yellowstone (1919–1929), and went on to become the second Director of the National Park Service. The re-opening of the Albright Visitor Center is the kick-off event in Yellowstone to celebrate the National Park Service Centennial in 2016.

Swank Enterprises was the general contractor for the project. NPS staff developed the content for the exhibits, which were designed and installed by Pacific Studios. The Yellowstone Association provided grant money for the exhibit design and fabrication. Renovation of the visitor center was funded by the NPS.

Enjoy a Safe and Memorable Fourth in Yellowstone

Summer is here, and Yellowstone is welcoming visitors for the upcoming Independence Day holiday. Since July is the park's busiest visitation month, the following tips and reminders are provided for ensuring a safe and memorable holiday weekend vacation:

- Fireworks are not allowed inside the park or on the surrounding national forest lands. Annual fireworks displays are held in many of the park's gateway communities.
- After two weeks of hot and dry weather, fire managers increased the fire danger rating to High on Tuesday. High fire danger means fires start easily and spread at a fast rate. Campfires are only allowed in designated fire rings in the 11 developed campgrounds and most backcountry campsites. To properly extinguish a campfire, use water and stir the coals and ash until they are cold to the touch.
- Whether along the road or along a hiking trail, visitors are required to view wildlife from a safe distance of at least 25 yards for most large animals and at least 100 yards away from bears and wolves. This is to ensure the safety of both people and animals.
- Extra time should be factored into traveling from place to place in the park. Traffic congestion and delays due to a high volume of vehicles, especially when wildlife is on or near the roadway, should be expected. Visitors should keep their eyes open for animals present on the road and be prepared to stop for any wildlife sightseeing "jams."
- You can protect yourself and Yellowstone's valuable natural resources by staying on trails and boardwalks in thermal areas. Pets, smoking and eating in thermal areas are also prohibited.



For valuable trip planning information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/index.htm>.

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Last Update: 911 AM MDT WED JUL 1 2015

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Tonight: Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows 43 to 49.

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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Two More People Injured After Approaching Bison

As Yellowstone National Park enters the busiest month of the year, visitors are reminded that they are responsible for their safety, which includes viewing wildlife from safe distances of at least 25 yards. In recent separate incidents, two people were injured after getting too close to bison. The first encounter occurred on June 23 when

an off-duty concession employee came upon a bison while walking off trail after dark in the Lower Geyser Basin area. The second incident occurred July 1, when a visitor encountered a bison while hiking the Storm Point trail in the Yellowstone Lake area.

The first incident happened when a 19-year-old female from Georgia and three friends were returning to their car after swimming in the Firehole River late at night. The girl and a companion were walking in the dark when they came upon a bison lying down about 10 feet from them. The companion turned and ran from the bison, but before the girl could react, the bison charged her and tossed her in the air. Her friends helped her to their car and drove back to Canyon Village, where all four live and work. At Canyon, the girl went to bed, but awoke a short time later feeling ill. Around one in the morning, the party called the Yellowstone Interagency Communication Center asking for medical help. Rangers transported the victim by ground ambulance to a hospital outside the park and she was released with minor injuries later that day.

The second incident occurred when a 68-year-old female from Georgia was hiking on the Storm Point trail, approximately 300 yards from the trailhead, and encountered a bison near the trail. The woman continued on the trail and as she passed the bison, it charged and gored her. A witness ran up the trail to report the incident to an Interpretive ranger leading a hike in the area. Shortly before 4:30 p.m., the ranger reported the incident to the Yellowstone Interagency Communication Center. Due to serious injuries, the woman was transported to Lake Clinic by ground ambulance and then by helicopter ambulance to a hospital outside the park.

There have now been four total bison encounters in the park this summer. The other two occurred when visitors to the Old Faithful area approached too close to bison. Both visitors in those incidents were flown by helicopter ambulance to a hospital due to their injuries.

Visitors should remember that while many of the bison and elk in the park may appear tame, they are wild animals and should **never** be approached. Bison can sprint three times faster than humans can run and are unpredictable and dangerous. Park regulations require visitors stay at least 25 yards (23 m) away from all large animals - bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyotes and at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and wolves. If a visitor comes upon a bison or elk along a trail, boardwalk, parking lot, or in developed areas, visitors **must** give the animal **at least** 25 yards by either safely going around the animal or turning around, altering their plans, and not approaching the animal.

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(Yesterday's Stampede parade photo was by Tonya Mathews)

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2015 Chip seal Schedule

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July 13th and 14th:	Continuing south to Arnica creek pit Approximately 6 miles.
July 15th:	West Thumb junction south to Grant Village junction. Possibly start north from West Thumb junction.
July 16th, 17th and 18th:	North from West Thumb junction to Arnica creek pit. Approximately 8 miles.
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Memorandum

To: All Participating National Park Service Employees and Volunteers Attending the Albright Visitor Center Grand Re-Opening and Dedication

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Uniform of the Day - July 12, 2015 - Summer Class A

Per NPS Reference Manual 43: Uniforms, "Uniform consistency within a work discipline...is required at all public events."

It goes on to state "It is imperative that uniformed employees look as similar as possible at special events. A special effort will be made to have all uniformed employees either wear a prescribed and published "uniform of the day" or meet together to assure that their uniforms conform."

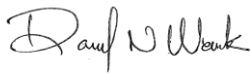
In all cases, uniform items are to be clean, free of stains, pressed, polished and shined.

IN SUMMARY:

- Uniformed employees are to wear their best cleaned and pressed summer uniform: short-sleeved shirt with pants or skirt.
- Please remember to shine your shoes or boots, duty belts, name bars, and badges.
- Uniformed employees are to wear either the straw ranger hat or the mesh (summer) ball cap when outdoors – please, no bare heads or other hats! Remember to remove your hat when indoors.
- Uniformed personnel are to keep their hats on and salute the flag once the mounted color guard approaches within 6 feet of the stage... and hold the salute while the flags are transferred from the mounted color guard to rangers on foot and are placed into the pedestals on stage.
- Uniformed personnel should keep their hats on and once again salute the flag as the National Anthem is being played.
- Non-uniformed staff should wear business casual attire. Please, no T-shirts or jeans.

Additional details regarding proper uniform wear and saluting can be found below and on the on the following pages.

Thank you.



Daniel N. Wenk

1) NPS personnel on stage participating in the program

Those authorized to wear a uniform and who choose to do so are requested to wear the following components of the Service (“Class A”) Uniform:

- Straw ranger hat with hatband
- Summer weight dress coat
- Long or short-sleeved white dress shirt with tie
- Summer weight trousers or skirt
- Any uniform shoes or pumps (all-leather footwear which holds a shine is preferred)
- Uniform belt, badge, and name bars
- Uniform outerwear as appropriate

2) NPS personnel serving as staff of or attending the event

Uniformed personnel normally authorized to wear the Service (“Class A”) Uniform are directed to wear the following items:

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Uniform belt, badge, and name bars
Uniform outerwear as appropriate
Commissioned personnel are to wear appropriate defensive equipment as authorized

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Mesh (summer) ball cap
Short-sleeved poplin field shirt or twill work shirt
Cotton twill trousers or cargo pants; jeans only if no other option is available (no shorts!)
Uniform belt
Any uniform shoe or boot (all-leather footwear which holds a shine is preferred)
Uniform outerwear as appropriate

All other NPS employees who are not authorized to wear a uniform should wear business casual attire appropriate to the season.

3) NPS Volunteers serving as staff of or attending the event

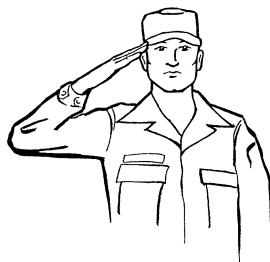
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Excerpt from NPS RM 53 - Uniforms

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Particular attention should be paid to the following:

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- Standing at attention - The person stands erect with eyes straight ahead, feet spread at a 45-degree angle, and hands naturally curled with thumbs along trouser seams.
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Outdoor Ceremonies

All uniformed employees should salute with hats on under the following circumstances:

- Playing of national anthems (United States or other countries). Face the appropriate flag (if visible) or the music (if flag is not visible) and salute. Hold the salute until the last note is played.
- Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance - face the flag and salute.
- Presentation of colors - salute when the flag is approximately 6 feet away until it is 6 feet past you.
- Raising and lowering of the flag - salute from the moment it starts up the pole until it reaches the top, or from the time it begins descending until it reaches the base of the flagstaff. If flown at half-staff, hold the salute until the flag is lowered to half-staff **after** being raised to the top.
- Raising and lowering of the flag when alone - stand back from the flagstaff and salute the flag before lowering and after raising.

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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Upcoming Parking Lot Closures for Paving Project in Yellowstone

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Yellowstone National Park received \$3.2 million in funding from the National Park Service Intermountain Region Pavement Preservation Program for upgrading parking lots in year one of a two-year project. Intermountain Slurry Seal was awarded this year's contract to improve half of the 5.2 million square feet of deteriorating parking lots in the park. The parking areas will be leveled, resurfaced through crack sealing, patch sealing and micro sealing, and restriped.

The following 24-hour closures will be in effect:

- **7 a.m. July 11 to 7 a.m. July 12 – Fairy Falls Parking Closure**
- **7 a.m. July 15 to 7 a.m. July 16 – Artist Point Parking Closure**
- **7 a.m. July 16 to 7 a.m. July 17 – Inspiration Point Parking Closure**
- **7 a.m. July 17 to 7 a.m. July 18 – Midway Geyser Parking Closure**

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Color Guard from the Albright VC event.

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When you return to work tomorrow, IF your phone is un-responsive please unplug the phone, wait 5 seconds and plug the phone back in.

We are updating the backup services for each phone, the phone system server, and your personal speed dial list. Starting now, you will not be able to add/change/delete phone numbers in your speed dial list (the SpDial button on your phone) until this maintenance is finished.

William J. Lewis, a long-time ranger in Yellowstone passed away last week. His dedication to interpretation and Yellowstone will be missed. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/burlingtonfreepress/obituary.aspx?n=william-j-lewis-bill&pid=175265519&>

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Audiometric testing is provided and available to all employees whose exposure to noise is equal to or exceeds an 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels. Much of Yellowstone's staff is required to have their hearing tested due to their job tasks and exposure to loud noises. Examples of some work activities that require you to have a baseline and subsequent annual hearing testing are:

- Snowmobiling
- Chain Saw Use
- Heavy Equipment Operation
- Firearms
- Impact/Power Tools
- Aircraft Operations
- Brush Chipper
- Operating Fire Apparatus
- Inboard/Outboard Powered Boats
- Blasting/Avalanche Control
- Mowing

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Audiometric (Hearing) Testing Schedule:

July 14 (Tuesday)	8:00AM - 4:30PM	West Yellowstone
July 15 (Wednesday)	8:00AM - 4:30PM	Old Faithful
July 16 (Thursday)	8:00AM - 4:30PM	Lake
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Visitation Continues to Increase at Yellowstone National Park

Yellowstone National Park had a record number of recreational visits in June with 780,768 total for the month—an almost 17 percent increase over last June and a 12 percent increase over the previous record June (2010) when the park had 694,841 visits.

So far, visits are up almost 20 percent over last year, numbering 1,298,855 this year compared to 1,084,827 for the first six months of 2014.

	Recreational Visits 2015	Recreational Visits 2014	Change
January	28,091	26,778	+ 4.90 %
February	34,343	28,233	+ 21.64 %
March	22,989	18,778	+ 22.43 %
April	46,600	31,356	+ 48.61 %
May	383,670	310,039	+ 23.75 %
June	780,768	669,642	+ 16.59 %
Total Year-To-Date	1,298,855	1,084,827	+ 19.73 %

Each of the park's five entrances showed increased visits for the month of June, with the North and West entrances both recording a more than 20 percent increase over June last year. Bus passengers showed a 19.35 percent increase over last June, accounting for 65,268 of the park visitors in June, with more than half of those buses coming through the West Entrance.

Visitation statistics are calculated by taking the actual number of wheeled vehicles entering the park gates, and using a person-per-vehicle multiplier to calculate the number of monthly recreational visitors.

July is typically the park's peak visitation month, followed in order by August, June, September, and May.

Detailed park visitation information and additional information on how these statistics are calculated is available online at <https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/Reports/Park>.

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Thursday, July 16, 2015



YCC is ending our 1st session of 2015. 28 new students and 6 returning youth leaders joined us for a month of working and exploring Yellowstone National Park. We will be welcoming 28 new students next week.

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William J. Lewis, a long-time ranger in Yellowstone passed away last week. His dedication to interpretation and Yellowstone will be missed. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/burlingtonfreepress/obituary.aspx?n=william-j-lewis-bill&pid=175265519&>

Riddle Lake Trail and the surrounding area will remain closed. The closure will transition from a Bear Management Closure to a Swan Management Closure. The closure is needed to protect nesting swans from disturbances. **It is expected to run until at least September 1.**

Audiometric testing is provided and available to all employees whose exposure to noise is equal to or exceeds an 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels. Much of Yellowstone's staff is required to have their hearing tested due to their job tasks and exposure to loud noises. Examples of some work activities that require you to have a baseline and subsequent annual hearing testing are: Snowmobiling, Chain Saw Use, Heavy Equipment Operation, Firearms, Impact/Power Tools, Aircraft Operations, Brush Chipper, Operating Fire Apparatus, Inboard/Outboard Powered Boats, Blasting/Avalanche Control, Mowing

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Audiometric (Hearing) Testing Schedule:

July 16 (Thursday)	8:00AM - 4:30PM	Lake
July 17 (Friday)	7:00AM - 4:30PM	Mammoth

The Mammoth Medcor Clinic offers hearing tests as well. However the cost of the test and submitting test result records to the Safety Office, will be the responsibility of the supervisor. If anyone has questions about the Hearing Conservation Program, please contact the Safety Services Office at (307) 344-2029.

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This information was pulled from the Park County facebook page...see the link for further information.

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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Upper Terrace Drive Temporarily Closed to Vehicles Due to Thermal Activity

Rangers temporarily closed Upper Terrace Drive near Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park to vehicles due to a new thermal feature that is impacting the road.

The feature became visibly active this May near the Upper Terrace parking lot, creating new small terraces adjacent to the drive. Geologists and rangers monitored the thermal feature, and found temperatures up to 152 degrees Fahrenheit. Rangers noticed additional thermal activity this week adjacent to and under the pavement, prompting the temporary closure. Thermal imaging shows heat under the pavement as well.

“We have known this area had heat near the surface based on the fact that it does not hold snow in the winter,” said Dr. Hank Heasler, park geologist. “We drilled two holes a half-meter (20 inches) deep, both of which now have hot water bubbling at the surface or very near the surface.”

Park visitors are still able to walk on the Upper Terrace Drive. Maintenance staff is preparing bumper logs to protect the thermal feature and keep the outflow off the pavement. Once those are in place, the drive will reopen to vehicle traffic.

“As in all of the thermal areas, visitors need to stay on the boardwalks or paved areas and avoid touching thermal features,” Heasler said.

IN THE NEWS

MSU scientist utilizes core samples to track climate in Yellowstone Park

July 19, 2015 6:00 am • [By RUFFIN PREVOST yellowstonegate.com](#)

CODY, Wyo. — Since 1872, Yellowstone National Park has been preserved and protected so future generations will be able to enjoy the landscapes and wildlife much as they have existed for almost a century and a half.

But park managers have little or no control over many factors that influence the park, including one of the most important: changes in the climate. So learning more about how Yellowstone might change as the summers become warmer, longer and drier is a key concern for planners.

Cathy Whitlock, a professor of earth sciences at Montana State University in Bozeman, has a few ideas about what the future holds for Yellowstone's climate. And that insight comes from some studious detective work done looking into the past.

"I've been studying Yellowstone's ecological history since the mid-'70s," Whitlock said Thursday during a phone interview. "We're trying to really understand how the ecosystem we see today has developed, and how much it's been influenced by people, climate, fire and other factors."

Whitlock will discuss her research on Tuesday evening during a presentation at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. The free lecture is the last in a series examining the ancient history of the greater Yellowstone region.

Whitlock believes that by looking at Yellowstone's distant past, she can offer an educated guess at what the future may hold as the global climate (and the park's) heats up.

But instead of a crystal ball or a time machine, her window on the past (and future) is mud. Or more accurately, sediment found at the bottom of lakes.

Written records offer Yellowstone weather and climate data dating back about a century, while examining tree rings can yield clues about factors like precipitation and fire in the park going as far back as a few hundred years. But because most of Yellowstone's lakes were formed by glaciers 15,000 years ago, they hold a wealth of information stored in slowly accumulated layers of sediment.

Using a hand-operated drilling platform, Whitlock takes core samples of the underwater sediments, some of which are up to 30 feet from bottom to top — or past to present. She preserves the samples for analysis in the lab, including radiocarbon dating, and looks for key particles like charcoal, pollen and fossilized algae.

Those particles and their dates of stratification give an idea, for instance, of what kinds of trees were growing around a particular lake during a specific era, or the timing of major fires. Those and other clues can be pieced together to yield a picture of what the climate in Yellowstone was like going back thousands of years.

Anticipating how current and projected trends in Yellowstone are following a warmer, drier track, Whitlock is looking to a period between 5,000-9,000 years ago, when average summer temperatures were warmer by 3-5 degrees Fahrenheit.

Whitlock said that one of the main lessons drawn from her research "is that fires track climate, and as the climate becomes warmer, we see more fire."

That means the future in Yellowstone is likely to bring more lodgepole pines, a species of tree that does well with fires, and fewer spruce and fir trees.

How Yellowstone's ecosystem will respond to a warmer climate will vary depending on elevation and geology throughout the park, she said.

Whitlock said the sweeping fires of 1988 that burned across one third of Yellowstone changed how she approached her work.

"I was working on a vegetation history without fires. So being able to experience the '88 fires completely changed my view of the importance of fire in the ecosystem," she said.

The 1988 fires were driven more by climate issues than management policies, Whitlock said. And while a warmer climate will probably mean more fires, it's unlikely to bring multiple fires on the same huge scale as those in 1988.

"You'll start having more fires, but then you eventually burn up the fuels, so then the fires become smaller but more frequent," she said.

Though park planners can't control the climate, they can control how they manage Yellowstone's resources in the face of warmer, drier, longer summers and more frequent fires. Whitlock said she hopes her research will offer some hard data to help drive those decisions.

"The past is really the key to the future," she said. "Because we don't have a guidebook to much of what's going to happen, the more we learn about how the ecosystem used to be, the more strategic we can be in thinking about the future."

Read more: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/msu-scientist-utilizes-core-samples-to-track-climate-in-yellowstone/article_1abe8ced-6016-5672-99af-5b5313f555b5.html#ixzz3gRrvn2XK

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Issued by: National Weather Service Riverton, WY

Last Update: 910 AM MDT MON JUL 20 2015

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Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms in the evening...then partly cloudy with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds in the evening. Lows 42 to 48. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers and

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Please note that browser compatibility issues have been identified with Internet Explorer. *Yellowstone Live* is best accessed using Google Chrome.

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2015 Chip seal Schedule

July 20th thru 23rd: Sweeping and clean- up operation from Fishing Bridge Junction to Grant Village junction. Some chip seal operations may take place to finish if weather or other delays occurred during the previous two weeks.

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Winged Predators: Raptors of Yellowstone

Which raptors (birds of prey) nest in Yellowstone and what habitat does each species prefer? Learn about studies conducted by the Yellowstone Raptor Initiative, while discovering how to identify raptors. Presented by Katy Duffy, Yellowstone's retired interpretive planner. Katy has studied raptors for more than 25 years in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Katy is a licensed bird bander and has banded owls and other raptors in Montana, Wyoming, New Jersey and Israel.

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Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy. Rain showers and thunderstorms likely in the evening...then scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds and small hail in the evening. Lows 45 to 51. Southwest winds around 15 mph in the evening. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

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Cross cutting girls... Bechler BC Seasonal Rangers Donna Youker & Malerie Mento cut a large tree in the BC using a crosscut saw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updates are going to be pushed to our desktops and laptops this weekend, so please leave your computers on before you leave for the week. You can log out or leave the screen locked, but don't shutdown Windows. Please contact Computer Support Services if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention.

Just wanted say thanks to all of you who made my time in Yellowstone so memorable. I not only learned a great deal, but also made some wonderful new friends. Yellowstone is an amazing place, and it was an incredible chance to work there in a capacity that exposed me to so many aspects of the park and the people who work there. Thanks Steve and Dan for giving me the opportunity, and thanks to all the subject matter experts who patiently explained things to me and the media. You'll be in good hands with Amy and Julena holding down the fort. Until next time, Cheers! Traci Weaver

And on that note... **Yellowstone Public Affairs** is happy to welcome Julena Campbell on detail as Public Affairs Officer for the next 90 to 120 days. A native of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, Julena has been an NPS employee for more than 20 years and has worked in 9 parks and 2 wildlife refuges across the country, including

several stints at Grand Teton and the National Elk Refuge. She is currently the chief of interpretation and education and public affairs officer for the Southeast Arizona Group: Chiricahua NM, Coronado NMem, and Fort Bowie NHS. Julena and her adopted coonhound, Cedar, are excited to be back in the GYE and look forward to meeting new folks and being part of the YNP family.

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Employee Safety Committee-Wellness

Thanks to all who participated in the Wellness Incentive Program during the month of JUNE! Names were drawn from among the employees who participated and met the program goal of **500 points per month**. The following employees will receive an award for their participation:

Rafael Velasquez – REYP

John Cataldo – RVP

Yasmine Alkhatib – Concessions Management

Nate Bowersock – YCR

Kristie Laubach- Maint

Full Wellness Incentive Program details can be found here: <http://inpyellshare/emsc> then click on the YNP WIP link in the top left corner of the page. All employees are encouraged to participate each month. If you would like to schedule a program overview with your staff, contact Stacey Gunther (x2239). Certification forms for the month of July are due to Stacey Gunther by August 5th. Here's to your health!



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RECENT NEWS RELEASES

Fifth Person Injured in Bison Encounter This Summer

A 43-year-old woman from Mississippi received minor injuries Tuesday when she turned her back on a bison to get a photo with it near the Fairy Falls trailhead in Yellowstone National Park. This is the fifth person injured after approaching bison this season.

The woman and her daughter were by the trailhead sign when they decided to take a picture with a bison that was approximately 6 yards away from them near the trail. When they turned their backs to the bison to take the picture, someone warned that they were too close. They heard the bison's footsteps moving toward them and started to run, but the bison caught the mother on the right side, lifted her up and tossed her with its head. The woman's father covered her with his body to protect her and the bison moved about 3 yards away. The family drove to the Old Faithful Clinic, where the woman was treated and released with minor injuries.

"The family said they read the warnings in both the park literature and the signage, but saw other people close to the bison, so they thought it would be OK," said Colleen Rawlings, Old Faithful District Ranger. "People need to recognize that Yellowstone wildlife is wild, even though they seem docile. This woman was lucky that her injuries were not more severe."

Wildlife should not be approached, regardless of how tame or calm they appear. When an animal is near a trail, boardwalk, parking lot, or in a developed area, visitors must give it a wide berth and not approach it closer than the required minimum distances: 25 yards (23 m) away from all large animals - bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyotes and at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and wolves.

Bison can run three times faster than humans can sprint and are unpredictable and dangerous. Visitors are advised to give the animals enough space and alter their plans to avoid interacting with an animal in close proximity.

For further information on park safety, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/safety.htm>.

Nighttime Road Closures to Begin between Norris Geyser Basin and Indian Creek Campground

A portion of the Grand Loop Road in Yellowstone National Park will be closed at night beginning Monday, July 27. The 9 mile closure is part of a multi-year road improvement project on the 16-mile stretch of road between Norris Geyser Basin and the Golden Gate area in Swan Lake Flats just south of Mammoth Hot Springs. This year marks the final phase of the project.

Nightly closures will be in effect seven days a week between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am for the section of road just north of the entrance to the Norris Campground to the Moose Exhibit turnaround in the Willow Park area just south of the Indian Creek Campground eight miles south of Mammoth Hot Springs. Both campgrounds will remain open and accessible 24 hours a day. The closures are anticipated to last into September, but may be extended until early October if needed to safely complete the road project before winter. There will be no road closures between 6:00 p.m. Friday September 4th to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday September 8th, for the 2015 Labor Day weekend.

“We realize closing this portion of the road will be an inconvenience to some visitors,” said Superintendent Dan Wenk. “However, the window of opportunity to perform road construction in Yellowstone is limited due to the long winters. By implementing these closures at night, it allows the contractor to more safely and effectively get this critical work done, while impacting the fewest number of visitors. No one wants their vacation to be affected by road construction, but we can all appreciate the safer, more enjoyable park experience that this project will provide.”

During the day, all park roads are open, but visitors should expect traffic delays of up to 30 minutes in construction areas. Motorists should use caution when traveling through construction areas: observe posted speed limits, be alert for construction workers and equipment, and be prepared to encounter gravel road surfaces that are bumpy, dusty, or muddy.

This roadway project involves improving and widening the current 18 to 22-foot wide road to the national standard of 30 feet. Included in the overall construction project is the addition of improved pullouts, widened shoulders, safer parking areas, reconstruction of a bridge over the Gardner River and re-routing of portions of the blacktop around critical thermal areas. The work is the first significant upgrade the road has received since it was first constructed in the 1920s, and is scheduled to be completed in October of this year.

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